



**AGENDA**  
**COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES**  
City Hall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conference Room  
3900 Main Street  
Riverside, CA 92522  
March 12, 2007 at 6:00pm  
ADA Coordinator - (951) 826-5427

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The mission of the Commission on Disabilities is to promote greater awareness of, respect for, and the total participation of individuals with disabilities into all aspects of life.*

1. **Call to Order:** 6:00 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call:** Chairperson Paul Van Doren, Vice-Chair Terry Gregersen, Ed Rush, James Stream, Gene Brosious, Susanne Puffer, Gigi Welch, Linda Garcia, Debbie Keller, Lesley Robinson
4. **Minutes:** Minutes for the meeting of February 12, 2007
5. **Introductions and Public Comment**  
*This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on any subject matter that is within the Commission's jurisdiction.*
6. **Old Business**
  - A. **Election** of Officers 2007
  - B. **Reminder:** Annual Boards and Commission Reception on Monday, March 26, 2007 at 5:30 pm. Entertainment/Reception/Dinner and 6:15 pm program in the lower level of the Municipal Auditorium.
  - C. **Discussion** on Public Service Announcement: Interaction with the Community (Channel 32 notes concerning COD items)
    - 1) Work on the PSA is ongoing and Scott Brosious will contact Linda Garcia and Paul Van Doren for project voiceovers.

- D. **Update** on production of Utility Bill Insert and Bookmarks – discussion concerning use of a graphic artist for this project.
- E. **Update:** Utility Bill Insert mailing is on the Public Utility schedule for October 2007.  
**Review and discussion of graphic artist proof.**
- F. **Discussion:** Local Commissions on Disability – Board member Gigi Welch suggests that the Board visit local, working commissions on disabilities that have been established for a longer period of time, to observe how they work and what they have accomplished. The Riverside COD may want to accomplish goals similar to other commissions. Local jurisdictions with Commissions on Disabilities:
  - 1) City of Santa Monica
  - 2) City of Los Angeles
  - 3) Los Angeles County
  - 4) City of Pasadena
  - 5) City of San Diego
  - 6) City of West Hollywood
  - 7) Riverside County Advisory Committee

## 7. New Business

- A. **Due to construction**, the regular 5<sup>th</sup> floor COD meeting room will not be available on April 9, 2007. On April 9, 2007 only, the COD meeting will be held in the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Main Conference Room of City Hall. Meeting time is unchanged.
- B. **Discussion:** No-Show Policy - City of Riverside Special Transportation Section
- C. **Question:** Flier for a benefit show: Can this type of event announcement be posted to the COD website? **Answer:** No. The City cannot endorse a private performer.
- D. Website additions:
  - a. The mission of the National Organization on Disability (N.O.D.) is to expand the participation and contribution of America's 54 million men, women and children with disabilities in all aspects of life: <http://nod.org>
  - b. The International Center for Disability Resources on the Internet (ICDRI): [www.icdri.org](http://www.icdri.org)
  - c. The International Dyslexia Association (IDA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals with dyslexia, their families and the communities that support them: <http://interdys.org>

## 8. Additional Information

- A. **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Conference**, Wednesday, March 21, 2007 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm presented by the Riverside Police Department and Janet Goeske Center
- B. **New Support Group for parents/caregivers raising children with special needs** in Riverside County, funded by FIRST FIVE for the Riverside County Support Groups and Additional Information
- C. **Senior Wheels USA** – Their main purpose and goal is to develop public awareness that there are assistance options that allow senior citizens (as well as the permanently disabled) to remain independent in their own homes by providing no cost power mobility equipment.
- D. **A News Article** - Warnings on Abuse of the Disabled Ignored

- E. **Announcement:** Best Buddies of Inland Empire – March 18, 2007 Festival of Friendship.
- F. The County of Riverside's Law Library will be offering free 15-minute attorney consultations during Library Week (April 16-20). Details are given on Page 2 of the attached newsletter.

## **9. Items for future Commission Consideration**

*This is an opportunity for Commissioners to reference any items that arise during the meeting but are not a part of the meeting agenda.*

## **10. Adjournment**

### **Attachments:**

1. February 12, 2007 COD Minutes **(Item #4)**
2. Graphic Artist Proof – Utility Bill Insert **(Item #6E)**
3. Local Jurisdictions **(Item #6F)**
4. No Show Policy **(Item #7B)**
5. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Conference **(Item #8A)**
6. Riverside County Support Groups **(Item #8B)**
7. Senior Wheels USA **(Item #8C)**
8. A News Article - Warnings on Abuse of the Disabled Ignored **(Item #8D)**
9. Best Buddies Packet **(Item #8E)**
10. A Monthly Publication of the Riverside County Law Library **(Item #8F)**

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